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In Brief

Navy sets up special 'Pearl Harbor' movie premiere JIB

CINCPACFLT's Public Affairs Office has set up a special public information office staffed with Naval Reservists to support the "Pearl Harbor" event premiere.

This team of reservists will tell the U.S. Military story to the more than 500 reporters who are in Honolulu, covering the movie's rollout.

The Joint Information Bureau is also actively looking for military members who worked as extras and as technical people on the production of the movie, to help tell that Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine Corps story. If you worked on the movie, you can contact the JIB at 474-3857 or 474-3858.

Bloch Arena gate open in morning

In order to ease traffic congestion through the Naval Station gates, the Bloch Arena gate will be open 5 to 8 a.m., Monday to Friday, until May 24.

Doolittle Raider

Doolittle Raider and former Japanese POW Jacob DeShazer will be speaking at 7 p.m. in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel tonight. The military community and their civilian guests are invited.

DeShazer, who became a clergyman after the war and served for 30 years as a missionary to Japan, is visiting Hawaii in conjunction with the world premiere of the movie, "Pearl Harbor."

The title of the chapel event: "Finding Forgiveness at Pearl Harbor," alludes to the story of how DeShazer — a B-25 bombardier who volunteered for the Doolittle mission to avenge the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor — came to forgive his Japanese captors.

The story also includes Mitsuo Fuchida, who was the pilot who planned and led the Pearl Harbor attack. Fuchida, through DeShazer's writings, also sought reconciliation with his former enemies.

The doors to this event will open at 6:45 p.m. Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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Pearl Harbor ready for premiere

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EDITOR

When the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) pulled into Pearl Harbor Tuesday morning, it brought with it the promise of the "biggest movie premiere" ever.

After a nearly weeklong journey from its homeport of San Diego, which was packed with various training evolutions, Stennis and its crew made final preparations to host Disney's premiere of the \$135 million epic movie "Pearl Harbor" Monday evening.

"Most everything will be in place by the weekend (Friday)," said Cmdr. Bruce Cole, Pacific Fleet Public Affairs Officer. "There will be some things of course that they (Disney) will be setting up on Monday to support the reception and they'll also be setting up for the big fireworks show on Monday night, but we're ready from the Navy's point of view," added Cole.

In December 2000, Navy officials agreed to

host the first-of-a-kind premiere on Stennis after being assured by Disney that it would not interfere with the ship's normal training schedule or cost the Navy anything outside of normal training dollars.

The Department of Defense (DoD) designated the Navy as the executive agent for support of the premiere. In response, the Navy established a task force and handled the event planning similar to a military operation.

"I think that the complexity of this operation has been of the highest order, and all of the true military professionals have come together as a team and executed this to perfection," said Read Adm. Robert T. Conway, Commander Navy Region Hawaii, Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"My sense is that we have left virtually no stone unturned, and in working with the professionals at Disney, it's readily apparent that that total team effort is going to contribute to the overall success of this event," added Conway.

Dozens of commands from around Navy Region Hawaii met on a weekly basis and worked together from the beginning to ensure that the enormous premiere events go off without a hitch.

"Probably everybody from Fleet Industrial Supply Center (FISC) to Public Works Center (PWC) to Facilities to Naval Computer and Telecommunications Master Station (NCTAMS) to Naval Station Pearl Harbor (NAVSTA) to the Meteorology and Oceanographic Center (METOC) to all the regional assets have come together to basically make this look easy in the preparation - and it isn't easy," said Cmdr. Robert J. Petry, Naval Station Pearl Harbor's executive officer. "I will tell you this - the people who were involved made it seem like a piece of cake and transparent to the daily operation of the base, and that's due to their expertise," added Petry.

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PH2 Chad McNeeley photo

USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) is guided towards its berth at Hotel pier Tuesday morning. Stennis will host Disney's premiere of the epic movie "Pearl Harbor" for 2,000 guests Monday night. The above photo was taken from the roof of the Fleet Industrial Support Center.

Anti-terrorism team assists during ADB conference

By Lt. Lane Ogawa

NAVY REGION HAWAII

During the Asian Development Bank Conference held at the Hawaii Convention Center May 7-11, Navy Region Hawaii's anti-terrorism team provided support to the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

"The Navy is always helping out the local community, this was a continuation of the relationship" said Andrew I'uvala, Regional Anti-Terrorism Officer.

In preparation for the Asian Development Bank Conference, the State of Hawaii requested anti-terrorism assistance from the Navy. Navy Region Hawaii's physical security department, under the direction of Cmdr. William Duke, provided training and

equipment to ensure the security of the event.

During the weekend prior to the conference, Andrew I'uvala and Merle Walker, Navy Region Hawaii's Security Specialist, provided training for 27 security officers who would be working at the Hawaii Convention Center. They covered the proper operation and use of sophisticated Navy equipment.

"We have the best equipment in the state" said I'uvala. The Navy loaned the State of Hawaii two explosives detectors and two walk-through security metal detectors.

The explosives and metal detectors were recently purchased as part of a concerted effort by Navy Region Hawaii to increase its anti-terrorism readiness. The equip-

ment can be deployed to almost any location that requires tighter security, such as a roadblock, quarterdeck, and brow of a ship or a convention center.

"The ADB setup was a good test of our procedures for deploying the equipment, especially in preparation for the premier of the Disney movie 'Pearl Harbor'" said I'uvala.

Each vehicle entering the Hawaii Convention Center was tested using the Navy's explosives detectors.

"It is a supplement to dogs, but the ITEMISER [explosives detector] doesn't need a rest and can go 24 hours a day" claimed I'uvala. "The [detector] increases throughput time, it takes only six seconds to check each car."

The metal detectors were used

at the entrance for all personnel entering the conference.

"The metal detectors are sophisticated enough to tell if a person has enough metal on their body to construct a weapon" said I'uvala.

"It can also tell the security personnel exactly where the metal is, if it is in your shoe or shirt."

With the experience of assisting the ADB, Navy Region Hawaii's anti-terrorism team shifted its focus to the upcoming premier of the Disney movie Pearl Harbor.

"We have an extensive security plan for the event that will include the metal and explosives detectors along with special badge and ID checks" said I'uvala.

"We are looking forward to putting our plan and equipment to the test."

PFSMA honors Bowfin Memorial scholarship recipients

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The Pacific Fleet Submarine Memorial Association (PFSMA) recently held an award ceremony to honor the 33 recipients of the 2001-02 Bowfin Memorial Scholarship.

The award ceremony, held at the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park, was highlighted by remarks from guest speaker, Cmdr. John Richardson, commanding officer of USS Honolulu (SSN 718).

"[The awardees] are focused in high-performance fields; computer science, culinary arts, psychology, civil engineering, the medical sciences, just to name a few. Their selection to receive this scholarship speaks to their magnificent potential to do great things in these careers," said Richardson.

PFSMA created the Bowfin Memorial

Scholarship in 1985 to honor the 52 submarines and 3,505 submariners lost during World War II. The scholarship is available to Hawaii submariners (active duty or retired) and their families, and is given out annually in two forms.

Continuing education scholarships are awarded to Hawaii submariners and their spouses, and academic scholarships are available to children of submarine force personnel. Recipients are selected based on motivation, goals, past scholastic achievement and financial need.

"The Pacific Fleet Submarine Memorial Association decided not to keep this money for themselves, or invest it for their own future expenses, or even to build a statue or other visible monument to enhance this beautiful museum," said

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Rear Adm. Conway helps fulfill dreams for Pearl Harbor 'buff'

Rear Adm. Robert T. Conway, Jr., Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, Commander, Surface Group Middle-Pacific, lends a hand to Scott Butler after a harbor tour on the admiral's barge around Pearl Harbor. Scotts was diagnosed at 10 years old with the terminal disease Ataxia Telen-giectasia. Scott has been a naval history buff all his life. His life-long dream was to visit Pearl Harbor and with the help of a family friend, the CBS Early Show, and Con, Scott fulfilled that dream.

Scott was joined on his trip by his mother, Leann Butler; his aunt, Jackie Jackson; and his nurse, Ms. Griffith. The four of them joined Rear Adm. Conway for a tour May 14.